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title: Need to include Amravati, the new Capital of Andhra Pradesh in the feasibility study for high speed rail corridor.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Thank you Madam. There is no doubt that 'speed' is the latest mantra of all the Ministries and more particularly the Indian Railways. Railways are passionately working to have more and more high speed rail corridors in the country and the Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai is one such corridor for which a feasibility study is being done by Germany. It is welcome that this is the very first high speed corridor proposed in the Southern part of the country. I am given to understand that the study will commence a couple of months from now by Germany's Transport and Digital Infrastructure Ministry....(*Interruptions*)

Madam, Amaravati is the new Capital of Andhra Pradesh and its work has already commenced. Woven around the theme of blue of River Krishna and the green of pastoral landscape, the Capital city is spread over 217 sq.km. in Guntur district while the metropolitan Capital region spans 7,420 sq. km. encompassing large parts of both Guntur and Krishna districts. It is going to be the most modern and people's Capital in the country....(*Interruptions*)

It was reported that the hon. Railway Minister has requested the Government of Germany to include Vijayawada in this corridor for the feasibility study. I welcome this, but, at the same time I urge the hon. Minister that one cannot ignore the Capital city of any State as that becomes the nerve centre of every activity of that State. So, Amaravati being the Capital of Andhra Pradesh cannot be ignored by not including it in the high speed corridor....(*Interruptions*)

In view of above, I would urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to request the Government of Germany to also include Amaravati in the feasibility study for high speed rail corridor and the corridor be named as Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai-Amaravati-Vijayawada High Speed Rail Corridor....(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Jayadev Galla.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Adv. Joice George – Not present.

Shri S.P. Muddahanume Gowda – Not present.

Shri Shrirang Barne.